

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. Claim 3 is currently amended as required by the Examiner to correct an informality. A terminal disclaimer is submitted with this response in order to overcome the double-patenting rejection. Applicant requests that this response be entered in order to place the application in proper form for appeal. A notice of appeal and appeal brief are being filed contemporaneously with this response.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-4001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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